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Section 18
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Overview

18.1 The programme is under the responsibility of ECE.

18.2 The main objective of ECE is to develop principles, information systems and instruments that facilitate understanding and harmonious economic relations between all the countries of the region despite their diversity. The actions of ECE involve other intergovernmental bodies active in Europe as well as major non-governmental actors, particularly enterprises, local authorities and non-governmental organizations. ECE pays particular attention to those groups of countries which are less advanced in their transition to market economy or whose economies have been affected by conflicts.

18.3 ECE will continue to produce statistics, information and analyses on all the countries of the region and on their increasing interdependence. It will also continue to develop conventions, norms, standards and guidelines by involving interested economic actors. ECE will cooperate with other international organizations active in Europe, in particular regional institutions and subregional groupings. This cooperation will build upon complementarities in terms of membership, mandate and approaches to issues of common concern. It will also take into account the proven advantages of the organizations concerned so as to avoid duplication.

18.4 A better understanding among countries of the region, based on the dissemination of more accurate information on all States, is expected to develop during the biennium 1998-1999. The adoption of new conventions, norms and standards is also expected, as well as a better implementation of the instruments previously developed by ECE. A narrowing of the institutional gap among the countries of the region is also anticipated.

18.5 ECE has gone through a comprehensive reform process, carried out with the full participation of its member countries, its principal subsidiary bodies and the secretariat. This reform aimed at defining strategic directions, taking into account the many political, economic and institutional changes confronting the Europe of today. It has been achieved through an in-depth review of the programme of work at a very detailed level, as well through a thorough examination of an organizational and institutional nature, including intergovernmental structure, methods of work, relations with other bodies and involvement of the business community.

18.6 As a result of the reform, the Commission has refocused its activities on those strategic areas which correspond to the strength of ECE, are sustainable in the long run and for which there is widespread support throughout the region. A consequence of this refocusing has been a streamlining and rationalization of the programme of work and a reduction in the corresponding intergovernmental machinery (from 14 subsidiary bodies reported in the previous biennium to 7 such bodies).

18.7 In addition, the intergovernmental structure of ECE has been made more homogenous and transparent in order to simplify the decision-making process and increase the cost-effectiveness of the activities carried out. All principal subsidiary bodies are requested to reduce the length of their meetings, to rank their activities in order of priority and to define precise programmes of work for any new related bodies, with a time-frame and sunset clauses.

18.8 In order to develop synergies and to avoid duplication, principal subsidiary bodies and their respective bureaux are also requested to conduct a periodic review of the work programme of other international organizations active in the same area. The reviews would lead to an appropriate division of tasks through programme adjustments and to various forms of cooperation such as joint programmes of work and activities.

18.9 Furthermore, the reform envisages two mechanisms that will introduce more flexibility in the Commission's methods of work and thereby permit it to adapt to the dynamics of present and future changes. The first involves requiring subsidiary bodies to offset any new activities by the termination of other activities requiring a similar level of resources. In the event of additional demands from principal subsidiary bodies that cannot be accommodated by the above mechanism, the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work will advise the Commission on arbitration between the competing additional demands from principal subsidiary bodies when they imply significant shifts among programmes.

18.10 The second mechanism for ensuring flexibility in the methods of work involves the establishment of a Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities, the role of which will be to deal with issues and activities that, within the ECE mandate, respond to the needs of only specific groups of countries. The Unit will coordinate or organize seminars and workshops in all sectors, but particularly in areas no longer covered by intergovernmental bodies. Its programme will be regularly adjusted and adopted during the year by the Commission.

18.11 The activities to be carried out by the Commission in 1998-1999 are in conformity with the overall objectives of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (A/51/6/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1). However, the refocusing of the programme of work which has been achieved through the reform process has led to a strengthening, reorganizing, streamlining or reduction of activities under various subprogrammes, as outlined below. These programmatic changes will be reflected, as appropriate, in the revisions to this programme which will be submitted in 1998 in the context of the revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (in accordance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation).

18.12 Five subprogrammes have been strengthened: (a) Environment, with a focus on the implementation of Agenda 21 and of the Environmental Programme for Europe, the development of legally binding instruments and the extension of national environmental performance reviews; (b) Transport, with a focus on the adaptation of existing agreements, norms and standards, the development of new ones and the support to countries with economies in transition for the effective implementation of these instruments; (c) Statistics, with a focus on the coordinating role of the Conference of European Statisticians and the production of a larger and higher quality body of statistics in a timely manner, especially in countries in transition; (d) Trade facilitation, with a focus on the management, development and dissemination of standards, procedures and modern trade techniques; and (e) Development of international trade, with a focus on legal aspects of trade and investment promotion, including commercial contract practices, enterprise development and industrial issues.

18.13 Activities related to the subprogramme on economic analysis have been reorganized. The *Economic Survey of Europe* will be further concentrated on the analysis of economic developments and problems in the transition economies as well as of the interdependencies within the ECE region. This analytical work will be backed up by a regularly updated statistical database on countries with economies in transition.

18.14 Three subprogrammes have been streamlined and refocused on a limited number of priority issues: (a) Energy — the directions retained are sustainable energy policies, energy efficiency, gas and coal; (b) Timber — the core activities are statistics and indicators on sustainable forest management, monitoring of forestry assistance for countries in transition and the long-term outlook for the forest and timber sectors; and (c) Human settlements — the priority issues are housing reform, land administration, urban renewal and sustainable human settlements.

18.15 Finally, the subprogramme on industry and technology has been discontinued. The activities retained in the fields of steel and chemical products have been shifted to subprogramme 7, Development of international trade, in order to approach these issues in a cross-sectoral manner and in the perspective of enterprise development. A very limited number of other issues related to industry and technology will be

addressed within the framework of the above-mentioned Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities. The post and non-post resources previously allocated to the subprogramme on industry and technology have either been redeployed to other areas of the programme or abolished.

18.16 The overall resources proposed under this section amount to $50,220,800, including a resource growth of $2,269,100 (or 4.7 per cent). The growth represents mainly the combined effect of the application of new standardized vacancy rates, the transfer to this section of the ECE share of the payments to the International Computing Centre for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe and the proposed abolition of 16 posts (4 in the Professional category and above and 12 General Service) not required for fulfilment of the programme of work.

Table 18.1 **Summary of requirements by component**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component		1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
				Amount	Percentage			
A.	Policy-making organs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B.	Executive direction and management	2 701.5	3 029.7	881.3	29.0	3 911.0	(75.5)	3 835.5
C.	Programme of work	40 770.9	40 749.3	1 115.3	2.7	41 864.6	(759.8)	41 104.8
D.	Programme support	4 519.2	4 172.7	272.5	6.5	4 445.2	(74.7)	4 370.5
	Total	**47 991.6**	**47 951.7**	**2 269.1**	**4.7**	**50 220.8**	**(910.0)**	**49 310.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
165.7	367.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	524.2
		(b) Substantive activities	
165.8	193.5	Trust Fund for Human Settlements	123.2
2 892.4	3 290.8	Trust Fund for the Financing of the Implementation of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution	4 306.5
331.5	541.3	Trust Fund for the Energy Efficiency 2000 Project	576.3
7.7	41.2	Trust Fund for the ECE Study on Long-term Timber Trends and Prospects	22.6
—	7.7	Trust Fund for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport	56.5
463.7	621.5	Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition	610.2
181.6	22.6	Trust Fund for the ECE Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women	—
—	11.3	Trust Fund for Support to ECE Regional Conferences and Meetings, including Preparatory Meetings for Global Conferences	—
166.3	300.6	Trust Fund for Environmental Performance Reviews and Environment for Europe	244.1
		(c) Operational projects	
1 778.0	1 584.9	UNFPA	675.8
561.0	1 201.9	UNDP	—
22.3	—	UNEP	—
1 883.9	3 428.8	Technical cooperation trust funds	3 026.1
8 619.9	**11 613.6**		**10 165.5**
56 611.5	**59 565.3**		**59 476.3**

Table 18.2 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	46 539.3	45 496.5	663.6	1.4	46 160.1	(883.5)	45 276.6
Other staff costs	134.3	162.1	50.0	30.8	212.1	(1.3)	210.8
Consultants and experts	233.6	384.0	48.8	12.7	432.8	(3.1)	429.7
Travel	437.9	688.4	27.1	3.9	715.5	(3.7)	711.8
Contractual services	157.9	214.8	215.1	100.1	429.9	(2.4)	427.5
General operating expenses	125.8	371.5	(189.3)	(50.9)	182.2	(1.3)	180.9
Hospitality	14.9	17.9	—	—	17.9	(0.1)	17.8
Supplies and materials	69.8	99.0	33.8	34.1	132.8	(0.7)	132.1
Furniture and equipment	278.1	517.5	43.6	8.4	561.1	(6.2)	554.9
Grants and contributions	—	—	1 376.4	—	1 376.4	(7.7)	1 368.7
Total	**47 991.6**	**47 951.7**	**2 269.1**	**4.7**	**50 220.8**	**(910.0)**	**49 310.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1998-1999 estimates*
2 099.2	2 949.0	Posts	1 922.8
592.7	1 013.4	Other staff costs	1 030.0
608.5	643.7	Consultants and experts	497.0
510.2	854.4	Travel	609.5
269.2	454.0	Contractual services	85.5
95.0	130.6	General operating expenses	141.7
0.1	12.0	Supplies and materials	12.0
193.6	166.1	Furniture and equipment	126.5
3 732.8	4 599.6	Grants and contributions	5 172.5
518.6	790.8	Other	568.0
8 619.9	**11 613.6**		**10 165.5**
56 611.5	**59 565.3**		**59 476.3**

Table 18.3 **Post requirements**

Programme: Economic development in Europe

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	9	9	—	—	—	—	9	9
P-5	21	21	—	—	4	1	25	22
P-4/3	64	64	—	—	6	6	70	70
P-2/1	22	18	—	—	2	—	24	18
Total	**118**	**114**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**7**	**130**	**121**
General Service category								
Principal level	7	6	—	—	—	—	7	6
Other levels	86	75	—	—	2	2	88	77
Total	**93**	**81**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**95**	**83**
Grand total	**211**	**195**	**—**	**—**	**14**	**9**	**225**	**204**

18.17 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of ECE in 1998-1999 would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Executive direction and management	7.8	—
B.	Programme of work	83.4	88.8
C.	Programme support	8.8	11.2
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

18.18 Resources for administration, conference and general services for ECE are, unlike other regional commissions, not included under its own programme budget. They are included in a consolidated fashion under section 27F, Administration, Geneva, in respect of administration and general services, and under section 27E, Conference services, in respect of conference-servicing costs. They are thus administered by the United Nations Office at Geneva in an integrated fashion.

18.19 In order to permit a comparison among regional commissions, while at the same time maintaining the advantages of integrated management and avoiding duplication of effort, the estimated resources (at current rates) to be provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva to ECE for administrative, conference and general services during the biennium 1998-1999 are summarized below:

	United States dollars
Administrative and general services	9 937 300
Conference and library services	22 658 700
Total	**32 596 000**

A. Policy-making organs

18.20 The Commission, which reports to the Economic and Social Council, provides overall direction to the work of the secretariat. It meets annually for three to four working days (as compared to six in the previous biennium), supplemented by ad hoc informal sessions of one day every three months, as necessary, and in keeping with past practice. It has seven principal subsidiary bodies (as compared to 14 in the previous biennium): the Committee on Environmental Policy (subprogramme 1, Environment) meets three days annually as compared to four and one-half days in the previous biennium; the Inland Transport Committee (subprogramme 2, Transport) meets three days annually as compared to five days in the previous biennium; the Conference of European Statisticians (subprogramme 3, Statistics) meets three days annually as compared to four days in the previous biennium; the Committee on Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (subprogramme 4, Trade facilitation; subprogramme 7, Development of international trade; and subprogramme 8, Industry and technology) meets three days annually; the Committee on Sustainable Energy (subprogramme 6, Energy) meets three days annually; the Timber Committee (subprogramme 9, Agriculture and timber) meets two and one-half days annually; and the Committee on Human Settlements (subprogramme 10, Human settlements) meets two and one-half days annually.

18.21 The Commission has also decided to establish a Group of Experts on the Programme of Work open to all member States. The Group will meet every two years in the autumn prior to the preparation of the programme budget submission to provide recommendations to the Commission on adjustments and shifts in the ECE programme of work. The recommendations of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work, once endorsed by the Commission, will be taken into account in the preparation of the next programme budget submission; for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, the programme narratives were provided to member States in advance and their comments were taken into consideration.

B. Executive direction and management

Table 18.4 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Posts	2 449.2	2 724.2	805.6	29.5	3 529.8	(73.4)	3 456.4
Consultants and experts	41.8	66.7	30.5	45.7	97.2	(0.5)	96.7
Travel	166.6	179.9	16.5	9.1	196.4	(1.2)	195.2
Contractual services	29.0	41.0	28.7	70.0	69.7	(0.3)	69.4
Hospitality	14.9	17.9	—	—	17.9	(0.1)	17.8
Total	**2 701.5**	**3 029.7**	**881.3**	**29.0**	**3 911.0**	**(75.5)**	**3 835.5**

Table 18.5 **Post requirements**

Programme: Executive direction and management

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	2	3	—	—	—	—	2	3
P-4/3	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
Total	**5**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**7**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	5	5	—	—	—	—	5	5
Total	**6**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**6**
Grand total	**11**	**13**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**13**

18.22 The Office of the Executive Secretary provides overall executive direction, management and policy guidance and leadership for the implementation of all subprogrammes of the ECE programme of work. The functions of the Office include issuance of policy guidelines and directives for the substantive secretariat to implement the programme of work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies; coordination of ECE programme oversight; formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Commission's programme of work in accordance with the objectives of the medium-term plan and the programme budget; implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the Commission, as well as those of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council which have a bearing on the work of the ECE, including those calling for action by ECE; implementation of the directives of the Secretary-General; management of a forward-looking strategy for ECE programme planning and activities to respond to emerging and foreseeable needs and priorities of member States of the region; facilitation of inter-agency dialogue on regional needs and opportunities for operative action in the economic and related fields; dissemination of information about the work and activities of ECE and external relations with member Governments, international organizations and institutions, the business community, professional academic

institutions, local authorities and non-governmental organizations; ongoing review of the ECE programme of work, structure and methods of work to ensure greater efficiency, economy and optimal use of resources, including effective cooperation and coordination of work with other international organizations and institutions active in the economic field in the region, including subregional forms of cooperation; and support to the Commission, its bureau and subsidiary bodies, including through submission of reports to the Commission (as decided upon annually by the Commission or its bureau) and review of documentation prepared for the subsidiary bodies.

18.23 In addition, in conformity with the wishes of member countries to create the above-mentioned Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities, the Office of the Executive Secretary will assume oversight of this Unit, which will address a number of activities in fields not covered by separate intergovernmental mechanisms or in response to the demands of groups of member countries. Although the activities of the Unit will relate directly to the programme of work, it is proposed to include them under executive direction and management because they do not relate to one specific subprogramme.

18.24 In this connection, it is foreseen that during the biennium 1998-1999, the Unit will organize workshops and seminars on issues not addressed by the ECE Divisions, including in the fields of science and technology, engineering industries and automation, and renewable sources of energy, and on issues which respond to the needs of specific groups of countries. In addition, the Unit will support and, when necessary, coordinate all other operational activities undertaken by ECE divisions, including by the regional advisers, in response to the special needs and priorities of countries in transition.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

18.25 The estimated requirements of $3,529,800, including resource growth of $805,600, would provide for the posts shown in table 18.5. The staffing requirements reflect (a) the redeployment of one D-1, one P-3 and one General Service (Other level) post for the Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities, from subprogramme 8, Industry and technology, which, in the context of the reform exercise undertaken by ECE, has been discontinued; and (b) the proposed abolition of one General Service (Other level) post. The resource growth of $805,600 represents the combined effect of the inward redeployment of three posts, the abolition of one post and the application of new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

18.26 The estimated requirements of $97,200, including resource growth of $30,500, include (a) a provision of $21,500, reflecting a decrease of $8,000, required for specialized consultancy services not available in the ECE secretariat in a number of areas not falling within individual subprogrammes, including specialized inputs for seminars and other special meetings and events to be organized by the Coordinating Unit; (b) a provision of $75,700, reflecting resource growth of $38,500, which would be required for ad hoc expert groups relating to new initiatives of the Commission and for a meeting of experts to be organized before each session of the Commission. This meeting, together with a discussion on economic issues during the Commission session, replaces the Senior Economic Advisers, a principal subsidiary body of the Commission, which has been abolished in the context of the reform process.

Travel

18.27 The estimated requirements of $196,400, including resource growth of $16,500, will provide for the travel of the Executive Secretary and his staff, including that of the Coordinating Unit, for meetings within the region, consultation with Governments, participation at intergovernmental meetings, maintaining contacts with other international, multilateral and subregional organizations, consultations with Headquarters and coordination with other United Nations entities.

Contractual services

18.28 The estimated requirements of $69,700, reflecting an increase of $28,700, relate to external production (translation, printing, binding and design) of specialized publications requested by the ECE principal organs, for which internal translation and reproduction is not always possible.

Hospitality

18.29 The estimated requirements of $17,900 for the Commission as a whole relate to official functions on the occasion of major meetings and to hospitality extended to representatives of Member States and international organizations.

C. Programme of work

Table 18.6 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme		*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
				Amount	*Percentage*			
1.	Environment	6 067.8	6 467.5	950.2	14.6	7 417.7	(138.6)	7 279.1
2.	Transport	5 873.8	6 655.4	1 135.9	17.0	7 791.3	(147.1)	7 644.2
3.	Statistics	6 687.6	6 693.3	2 216.5	33.1	8 909.8	(155.9)	8 753.9
4.	Trade facilitation	1 731.9	2 263.9	900.8	39.7	3 164.7	(59.6)	3 105.1
5.	Economic analysis	7 108.3	6 615.6	(342.8)	(5.1)	6 272.8	(105.4)	6 167.4
6.	Energy	3 622.1	3 583.9	(1 246.1)	(34.7)	2 337.8	(43.3)	2 294.5
7.	Development of international trade	1 748.5	1 843.9	1 853.9	100.5	3 697.8	(68.0)	3 629.8
8.	Industry and technology	4 291.4	4 046.7	(4 046.7)	(100.0)	—	—	—
9.	Agriculture and timber	2 460.6	1 858.5	(327.5)	(17.6)	1 531.0	(28.8)	1 502.2
10.	Human settlements	1 178.9	720.6	21.1	2.9	741.7	(13.1)	728.6
	Total	**40 770.9**	**40 749.3**	**1 115.3**	**2.7**	**41 864.6**	**(759.8)**	**41 104.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
165.8	193.5	Trust Fund for Human Settlements	123.2
2 892.4	3 290.8	Trust Fund for the Financing of the Implementation of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution	4 306.5
331.5	541.3	Trust Fund for the Energy Efficiency 2000 Project	576.3
7.7	41.2	Trust Fund for the ECE Study on Long-term Timber Trends and Prospects	22.6
—	7.7	Trust Fund for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport	56.5
181.6	22.6	Trust Fund for ECE Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women	—
166.3	300.6	Trust Fund for Environmental Performance Reviews and Environment for Europe	244.1
		(c) Operational projects	
1 778.0	1 584.9	UNFPA	675.8
561.0	1 201.9	UNDP	—
22.3	—	UNEP	—
1 883.9	3 428.8	Technical cooperation trust funds	3 026.1
7 990.5	**10 613.3**	**Total**	**9 031.1**
48 761.4	**51 362.6**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**50 135.9**

Table 18.7 **Post requirements**

Programme: Programme of work

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	7	6	—	—	—	—	7	6
P-5	21	21	—	—	4	1	25	22
P-4/3	59	58	—	—	6	6	65	64
P-2/1	19	15	—	—	2	—	21	15
Total	**106**	**100**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**7**	**118**	**107**
General Service category								
Principal level	5	4	—	—	—	—	5	4
Other levels	73	63	—	—	—	—	73	63
Total	**78**	**67**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**78**	**67**
Grand total	**184**	**167**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**7**	**196**	**174**

18.30 Within the programme of work, the estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 Environment	17.7	50.4
Subprogramme 2 Transport	18.6	4.1
Subprogramme 3 Statistics	21.3	—
Subprogramme 4 Trade facilitation	7.6	0.6
Subprogramme 5 Economic analysis	15.0	9.0
Subprogramme 6 Energy	5.6	16.7
Subprogramme 7 Development of international trade	8.8	11.5
Subprogramme 8 Industry and technology	—	—
Subprogramme 9 Agriculture and timber	3.6	6.3
Subprogramme 10 Human settlements	1.8	1.4
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogramme 1
Environment

Table 18.8 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	5 967.9	6 358.9	834.4	13.1	7 193.3	(136.7)	7 056.6
Consultants and experts	62.5	28.0	13.7	48.9	41.7	(0.7)	41.0
Travel	35.6	80.6	26.4	32.7	107.0	(0.7)	106.3
Contractual services	1.8	—	9.7	—	9.7	(0.1)	9.6
Grants and contributions	—	—	66.0	—	66.0	(0.4)	65.6
Total	**6 067.8**	**6 467.5**	**950.2**	**14.6**	**7 417.7**	**(138.6)**	**7 279.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for the Financing of the Convention on Long-range	
2 892.4	3 290.8	Transboundary Air Pollution	4 306.5
		Trust Fund for the Environmental Performance	
166.3	300.6	Reviews and Environment for Europe	244.1
		(c) Operational projects	
22.3	—	UNEP	—
3 081.0	**3 591.4**	**Total**	**4 550.6**
9 148.8	**10 058.9**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**11 829.7**

Table 18.9 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme 1. Environment

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
P-4/3	11	13	—	—	—	—	11	13
P-2/1	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	2
Total	**19**	**20**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**19**	**20**
General Service category								
Other levels	10	10	—	—	—	—	10	10
Total	**10**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**10**	**10**
Grand total	**29**	**30**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**29**	**30**

18.31 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Environment and Human Settlements Division.

18.32 Activities will focus on strengthening regional cooperation through the promotion of sustainable development and the implementation of Agenda 21 at the regional level; effective implementation of the Environmental Programme for Europe as follow-up to the Sofia Ministerial Conference on Environment for Europe; preparation of new national environmental performance reviews; implementation of regional legally binding instruments in the field of the environment, in particular the implementation of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and its protocols, including the preparation and adoption of three new protocols (on nitrogen oxides and related substances, persistent organic pollutants and heavy metals), the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, as well as the development of a draft convention on access to environmental information and public participation in environmental decision-making; enhancing capacity-building, especially in countries with economies in transition to comply with the above legal instruments; and substantive preparations for the fourth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe", to be held in Denmark in 1998.

18.33 Special attention will also be given to coordinating environmental activities with other ECE subprogrammes and other international and non-governmental bodies and institutions in order to improve the efficiency and results of international cooperation aiming at further sustainable development in the ECE region.

18.34 Documentation and substantive services will be provided to the Committee on Environmental Policy and its subsidiary bodies, as well as to the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution; meetings of parties to the environmental conventions listed above and the Meeting of the Signatories to the Convention on Public Participation. The Division will analyse and develop environmental policy issues for submission to the 1998 Ministerial Conference. A considerable contribution will also be made to preparing for participation in the WHO Conference on Health and Environment to be held in 1999.

Activities

18.35 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) Committee on Environmental Policy

a. Substantive servicing of the Committee (24 meetings); the Ad hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials "Environment for Europe" (7 meetings); the Executive Committee (9 meetings); the Working Group for the Preparation of the Convention on Public Participation (9 meetings); the Meeting of the Signatories to the Convention on Public Participation (7 meetings); the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its Working Groups on Legal and Technical Aspects (46 meetings); the Working Group on Water Management (14 meetings); the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (9 meetings); intergovernmental negotiation meetings on water and health (15 meetings); intergovernmental meetings on river and lake commissions (5 meetings); Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (14 meetings); the Meeting of Experts on Industrial Safety (14 meetings); and the Working Group on Industrial Accidents (14 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Convention on access to environmental information and public participation in environmental decision-making; review of the implementation of the guidelines on access to environmental information and public participation in environmental decision-making; European strategy to phase out leaded petrol; European energy conservation guidelines; progress report on the application of the OECD guidelines and considerations for the use of economic instruments in environmental policies; guidelines/ proposals for the promotion of sustainable consumption patterns; and a report for the Conference on Health and Environment to be held in 1999;

(ii) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary context

a. Substantive servicing of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and its Working Groups on Legal and Technical Aspects (46 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation. One report each on policy recommendations (soft-law) to evaluate the implementation of the Convention, the protocol on a non-compliance mechanism for the Convention, policy recommendations on the Convention and health and on pollutant release and transfer registers; and two reports each on policies and strategies, legal aspects and technical aspects;

(iii) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

a. Substantive servicing of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and related meetings (29 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation. One report each on policy recommendations (soft-law) on international river and lake commissions, policy recommendations (soft-law) on monitoring transboundary groundwaters, policy recommendations (soft-law) on monitoring transboundary lakes and estuaries, international soft-law or binding instrument on the eradication of water-related diseases; policy recommendations (soft-law) to control land-based transboundary water pollution; policy recommendations (soft-law) to evaluate the implementation of the Convention;

(iv) Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

a. Substantive servicing of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and its Working Group on Industrial Accidents and Experts on Industrial Safety (42 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation. One report each on industrial safety and the environment in countries with economies in transition; the United Nations/ECE accident notification system; past industrial accidents; and guidelines for identification of hazardous installations under the Convention;

(v) Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

a. Substantive servicing of the Executive Body (36 meetings); the Working Group on Strategies (42 meetings); the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for the Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (12 meetings); the Working Group on Effects (12 meetings); and the Working Group on Abatement Techniques (8 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Multi-pollutant/multi-effects protocol; protocol on persistent organic pollutants; heavy metals protocol; major review strategies and policies; annual review strategies and policies; integrated assessment modelling; economic aspects of abatement strategies; emission inventory, guidelines; emission data; modelling of air pollutants; forest damage; health effects; nitrogen oxides techniques; and volatile organic compounds techniques;

(vi) Fourth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" (Århus, Denmark, 1998)

a. Substantive servicing of six meetings;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Pre- and post-Conference summaries; eight reports and documents including proceedings, the final report of the Conference and a report on follow-up to the Conference;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Approximately 50 workshops, task force meetings and expert meetings will be organized or serviced under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and 16 workshops will be organized on sustainable consumption patterns; implementation, compliance monitoring and enforcement procedures and plans regarding follow-up mechanisms to the regional environmental conventions; restoration of damaged aquatic ecosystems; water pollution control from non-point sources; preparedness and response to industrial accidents (4); prevention of industrial accidents (4); mechanism to support compliance with the Convention on Public Participation; mechanism to establish pollutant release and transfer registers; and consultation on points of contact for the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (2);

(ii) Training courses/consultations on protection of groundwaters against pollution from technical installations and the rules of procedure for the Convention on Public Participation (consultation);

(iii) Recurrent publications. *Air Pollution Studies* (two); *Strategies and Policies for Air Pollution Abatement Major Review 1994*; *Environmental Series*, No. 7; *Water Series*, Nos. 5 and 6; *Environmental Performance Reviews* (six to eight);

(iv) Non-recurrent publications on the European energy conservation strategy; guidelines on economic instruments for environmental policies; multi-pollutant/multi-effects protocols; the protocol on persistent organic pollutants; the heavy metals protocol; the Convention on Public Participation; the proceedings of the Ministerial Conference; key documents of the Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe";

(v) Three booklets and facts sheets in the fields of air pollution, water management, environmental impact assessment and industrial accidents and one booklet on sustainable development;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB).* Coordination, harmonization and liaison with European Environment Agency (EEA) in the framework of the memorandum of understanding between ECE and EEA; the OECD Environment Directorate and the OECD Committee on Environmental Policy (regular meetings with the Bureau of the Committee on Environmental Policy and/or between the secretariats); the European Commission (joint ad hoc steering group); the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; modelling application of the Regional Acidification Information and Simulation (RAINS) model; two workshops in cooperation with OECD and two with the European Commission; UNEP/WHO/Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety: Global action on persistent organic pollutants; the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme; the Oslo-Paris Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic; and the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission on emission inventories, monitoring and modelling; WHO and the European Experiment on the Transport and Transformation of Environmentally Relevant Trace Constituents in the Troposphere over Europe on air quality guidelines; and the WHO/ECE European Environment and Health Committee on air pollution monitoring and modelling;

(d) *Technical cooperation (RB/XB).* Advisory services on the Environment for Europe process; implementation of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe in cooperation with the Meteorological Synthesizing Centres East (Moscow) and West (Oslo) and the Chemical Coordinating Centre (Oslo); air pollution effects activities and mobile sources of air pollution under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (advice to Governments on setting up and operating transboundary water monitoring); implementation of the pilot project on monitoring transboundary waters; improving water management capabilities in countries with economies in transition; promoting the ratification of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes; improving public participation capabilities in countries with economies in transition; improving capabilities regarding the transboundary effects of industrial accidents with focus on the needs of countries with economies in transition; expert missions to countries with economies in transition to implement the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and industrial safety activities in countries with economies in transition under the Convention; and preparation of environmental performance reviews for countries with economies in transition.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

18.36 The estimated requirements of $7,193,300, including resource growth of $834,400, would provide for 20 posts in the Professional category and above and 10 General Service (Other level) posts, as shown in table 18.9. These requirements reflect the proposed inward redeployment of one P-4 and one General Service (Other level) post in the context of the reorganization of the Secretariat, and the proposed reclassification of one P-3 post to the P-4 level to reflect the increased responsibilities of the post in connection with the management of conventions that have recently entered into force, as well as the proposed reclassification of one P-2 Editor's post to the P-3 level under this subprogramme, in line with the responsibilities attached to that post and the terms of recruitment for editors. It is also proposed to abolish one General Service (Other level) post in the context of the ECE reorganization. The resource growth of $834,400 represents the combined effect of the redeployment, reclassification and abolition of posts and the application of new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

18.37 A provision of $41,700, involving resource growth of $13,700, would provide for specialized consultancy services not available in the secretariat for the preparation of parliamentary documentation and promotion of the implementation of environmental conventions.

Travel

18.38 The estimated requirements of $107,000, including resource growth of $26,400, would provide for secretariat participation in meetings organized by Governments and international organizations in order to ensure that environment programmes are coordinated and governmental policies are supported and for

servicing workshops and seminars organized in the context of the programme of work and consultations on issues related to the programme of work.

Contractual services

18.39 The estimated requirements of $9,700 relate to external printing of specialized publications under the programme of work.

Grants and contributions

18.40 The estimated requirements of $66,000 would provide for the subprogramme's share of the payments to the International Computing Centre for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe, resources that were formerly budgeted under section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities.

Subprogramme 2
Transport

Table 18.10 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	5 733.1	6 417.3	1 040.9	16.2	7 458.2	(145.2)	7 313.0
Consultants and experts	17.8	57.4	12.0	20.9	69.4	(0.5)	68.9
Travel	57.1	79.0	(4.8)	(6.0)	74.2	(0.4)	73.8
Contractual services	65.8	101.7	15.8	15.5	117.5	(0.6)	116.9
Grants and contributions	—	—	72.0	—	72.0	(0.4)	71.6
Total	**5 873.8**	**6 655.4**	**1 135.9**	**17.0**	**7 791.3**	**(147.1)**	**7 644.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
199.2	405.7	Technical cooperation trust funds	372.3
199.2	**405.7**		**372.3**
6 073.0	**7 061.1**		**8 016.5**

Table 18.11 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme 2. Transport

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	2	4	—	—	2	—	4	4
P-4/3	11	10	—	—	—	—	11	10
P-2/1	2	3	—	—	—	—	2	3
Total	**16**	**18**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**—**	**18**	**18**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	12	13	—	—	—	—	12	13
Total	**13**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**13**	**14**
Grand total	**29**	**32**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**—**	**31**	**32**

18.41 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Transport Division.

18.42 The objectives of the subprogramme will be to support intergovernmental cooperation to facilitate international transport in the ECE region, which is required for the economic development and integration of ECE countries, while improving its safety and environmental performance.

18.43 The activities will focus on improving service to the ECE Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies as well as to the Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and its Subcommittee. This includes improved contribution to the work of those bodies on the development and updating of a wide range of international legal instruments, regulations and recommendations that provide a common technical and legal basis for the development of coherent international infrastructure networks, for the improvement of the efficiency, safety and environmental performance of the transport sector and for the facilitation of border crossing. Particular emphasis will be placed on the areas of transport of dangerous goods, construction of vehicles, customs questions affecting transport, road traffic safety, combined transport and infrastructures for the various modes of inland transport. Following the 1997 ECE Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment, greater attention will be paid to the environmental aspects of transport.

18.44 Documentation and substantive services will be provided to the above-mentioned intergovernmental bodies with improved quality. The Division will collect and disseminate transport data and information, produce analytical reports on transport trends and specific transport issues in the ECE region, prepare documents for and reports on meetings and contribute with secretariat proposals to the development of international legal instruments in the various areas of transport activity.

18.45 The ECE international legal instruments in the field of transport will be promoted within relevant intergovernmental forums and other United Nations regional commissions. The effective implementation of a number of those legal instruments, in particular in countries with economies in transition, will be monitored and supported. Cooperation with intergovernmental organizations and institutions and United Nations agencies will be actively sought for that purpose. Subregional cooperation will be promoted with a view to coordinated implementation of the ECE legal instruments on transport. Relations with non-governmental organizations and substantive support to meetings of non-governmental organizations will be maintained.

Activities

18.46 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*.

(i) Economic and Social Council

a. Substantive servicing of 60 meetings of the Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Three reports to the Committee of Experts;

(ii) Inland Transport Committee

a. Substantive servicing of 16 meetings;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on the Committee's annual sessions; two reports on the status of application of international transport agreements and conventions; two reports on the activities regarding assistance to countries with economies in transition; two analytical reports on the transport situation in ECE member countries and emerging development trends; six reports on the status of the Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts and the regulations annexed thereto; report on the follow-up to the 1997 Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment; acts and conclusions of the Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment; and report of the Steering Committee on the follow-up to the Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment;

(iii) Principal Working Party on Road Transport

a. Substantive servicing of 18 meetings of the Principal Working Party; 20 meetings of the Working Party on Road Safety; and 6 meetings of the Ad hoc Meeting on Implementation of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports of the annual sessions of the Principal Working Party; four reports of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety; documentation for the third Road Safety Week in the ECE region (1999); consolidated resolution on road signs and signals (R.E.2) (Revision); two reports on the activities carried out under the trans-European north-south motorway project; two reports on the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (amendments); two reports on national legislation in the field of road traffic; report on amendments to the 1975 Agreement on Minimum Requirements for the Issue and Validity of Driving Permits; and one report on amendments to the 1973 Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road;

(iv) Principal Working Party on Rail Transport

a. Substantive servicing of 6 meetings of the Principal Working Party;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on the annual sessions of the Principal Working Party, two reports on the activities carried out under the trans-European railway project and two reports on the application of summer time in Europe;

(v) Principal Working Party on Inland Water Transport

a. Substantive servicing of 6 meetings of the Principal Working Party; 12 meetings of the Working Party on Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation; and 8 meetings of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on Inland Waterways and Infrastructure;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports of the annual sessions of the Principal Working Party; four reports of the Working Party on Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements; and two reports of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on Inland Waterways and Infrastructure;

(vi) Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles

a. Substantive servicing of 23 meetings of the Working Party; 12 of the Meeting of Experts on Pollution and Energy; 10 of the Meeting of Experts on Noise; 14 meetings each of the Meeting of Experts on General Safety Provisions, the Meeting of Experts on Brakes and Running Gear, the Meeting of Experts on Lighting and Light signalling and the Meeting of Experts on Passive Safety; 6 meetings of the Administrative Committee for the coordination of the work of the Working Party; 3 meetings of the Administrative Committee for the Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Six reports of the sessions of the Working Party; consolidated resolution on the construction of vehicles (R.E.3) (Revision 1998); four reports each of the Meeting of Experts on Pollution and Energy, the Meeting of Experts on Noise, the Meeting of Experts on General Safety Provisions, the Meeting of Experts on Brakes and Running Gear, the Meeting of Experts on Lighting and Light signalling and the Meeting of Experts on Passive Safety; six reports each of the Administrative Committee for the coordination of work of the Working Party and of the Administrative Committee for the amended Agreement;

(vii) Other subsidiary bodies

a. Substantive servicing of 6 meetings of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics; 8 of the Working Party on Combined Transport; 30 of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport; 4 of the Administrative Committee for the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods by Rail; 30 of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; 20 of the joint meeting of the Safety Committee on the international transport of dangerous goods by rail and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; 10 of the International Working Group on the development of an agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by inland waterway; 6 of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (convened jointly with the Conference of European Statisticians); 8 of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs; 8 of the meeting of the Steering Committee on the Follow-up to the Conference on Transport and Environment;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on or of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (two); the Working Party on Combined Transport (four); monitoring of studies concerning container dimensions (two); the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (six); revision of the existing Convention concerning Facilitation of International Rail Transport in Europe; legal and technical implications of the ECE Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers used in International Transport; the Administrative Committee for the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods by Rail (two); preparation of a new United Nations/ECE convention in international customs transit procedures for the carriage of goods by rail; the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (six); joint meeting of the Safety Committee on the international transport of dangerous goods by rail and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (four); elaboration of a draft agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by inland waterway (two); restructuring of the Regulations concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail/European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (two); the Working Party on Transport Statistics (two); an ad hoc meeting on the road traffic census; the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (two); and amendments of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs (two);

c. Other services. Substantive servicing of eight meetings of ad hoc expert groups established by a legislative mandate; preparation of approximately 50 communications with respect to multilateral treaties;

(b) *Other substantive activities*

(i) Promotion of 25 legal instruments and 100 vehicles regulations;

(ii) Contribution to the elaboration and updating of legal instruments. One new legal instrument and five new vehicle regulations; and nine updates of the new legal instrument and 30 updates of vehicle regulations;

(iii) Recurrent publications. European Agreement concerning the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway; *Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe*; *Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe*; *TIR Handbook* (updating); *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, including Tests and Criteria*; *Transport Information*;

(iv) Non-recurrent publications. Inventory of existing railway lines standards and parameters; inventory of existing European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines on Related Installations standards and parameters; European Code for Inland Waterways; maps of European railways and road networks; Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs; glossary for transport statistics (revision); and map of inland waterways;

(v) Seminars. Four workshops on restructuring of railways; privatization of the transport sector; development of combined transport; and development of inland waterway transport;

(vi) Press releases. Issued before and after the holding of the meetings of the Inland Transport Committee and some subsidiary bodies or of other important events related to their work and on the occasion of special events liable to attract the attention of the general public (seminars, exhibitions, road safety campaigns, etc.);

(vii) Technical materials. Approximately 1,000 documents stored electronically and made available via Internet; update of databases on transport statistics, road traffic accidents, transport of dangerous goods, transport of perishable foodstuffs, urban transport and transport and environment; technical regulations for road vehicles and their amendments; and compendium of transport database and information systems capabilities of ECE member countries;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*

(i) The implementation of the subprogramme, particularly the development of legal instruments, requires close cooperation and coordination with other international governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations such as the Commission of the European Community, the European Parliament, the European Conference of Ministers of Transport, OECD, the International Railway Union, the International Road Transport Union, the International Road Federation, the European Free Trade Association, IMO, ICAO, the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail, etc. Such cooperation requires attendance at the principal meetings of these organizations;

(ii) Participation in activities of funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, in particular in activities organized by ESCAP and UNCTAD to benefit Central Asian and Caucasian member countries;

(d) *Technical cooperation (RB/XB)*

(i) Advisory services. Four missions at the request of Governments;

(ii) Group training. Four seminars including concerning the trans-European motorway and the trans-European railway to train some 300 officials in total;

(iii) Field projects

a. The trans-European motorway. To respond to the changes in central and eastern Europe the trans-European motorway network was extended from its north-south axis to include east-west links. Pre-investment activities will continue to be carried out taking into account the projected transport infrastructure development in the countries of the region;

b. The trans-European railway. Activities to be carried out on the trans-European railway project will be similar to those on the trans-European motorway. Infrastructural and organizational problems in the rail sector will be examined, as well as possibilities for the improvement of the current situation in rail transport in the countries of central and eastern Europe through investments and organizational measures. This will include consideration of combined transport and border crossing. ECE serves as executing agency for the two projects, which are financed through trust fund agreements.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

18.47 The estimated requirements of $7,458 200, involving a resource growth of $1,040,900, would provide for 18 posts in the Professional category and above and 14 General Service posts, as shown in table 18.11 above. These requirements reflect (a) the inward redeployment in the context of the reorganization of the ECE secretariat of one P-5, one P-3, one P-2/1 and one General Service (Other level) post to this subprogramme, and the redeployment of one P-4 post from this subprogramme to another area of work; and (b) the reclassification of one P-4 to the P-5 level in order to reflect adequately the increased responsibilities of the post in connection with the management of new legal instruments that have either recently entered into force or been transferred to the section in the context of the reorganization of the work programme. The resource growth of $1,040,900 represents the combined effect of the redeployments and the reclassification of posts, and the application of new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

18.48 The estimated requirements of $69,400, involving a resource growth of $12,000, relate to specialized consultancy services not available in the secretariat to assist in the preparation of working papers on specific themes in the development and implementation of the ECE legal instruments in the field of transport, for review by the Commission's subsidiary bodies in this area.

Travel

18.49 The estimated requirements of $74,200, reflecting a decrease of $4,800, relate to the need for the secretariat to participate in coordination meetings and consultations with Governments and intergovernmental bodies within and outside the region.

Contractual services

18.50 The estimated requirements of $117,500, involving a resource growth of $15,800, relate to the printing of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and materials for the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and other publications.

Grants and contributions

18.51 The estimated requirements of $72,000 would provide for the subprogramme's share of the payments to the International Computing Centre for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe, resources that were formerly budgeted under section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities.

Subprogramme 3
Statistics

Table 18.12 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	6 617.1	6 550.8	1 407.4	21.4	7 958.2	(150.8)	7 807.4
Consultants and experts	18.8	51.3	(9.7)	(18.9)	41.6	(0.1)	41.5
Travel	38.7	79.8	16.0	20.0	95.8	(0.5)	95.3
Contractual services	9.4	6.2	11.9	191.9	18.1	(0.1)	18.0
Supplies and materials	3.6	5.2	(0.1)	(1.9)	5.1	—	5.1
Grants and contributions	—	—	791.0	—	791.0	(4.4)	786.6
Total	**6 687.6**	**6 693.3**	**2 216.5**	**33.1**	**8 909.8**	**(155.9)**	**8 753.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
561.0	1 201.9	UNDP	—
561.0	**1 201.9**		**—**
7 248.6	7 895.2		**8 753.9**

Table 18.13 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme 3. Statistics

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	2	3	—	—	1	—	3	3
P-4/3	9	9	—	—	1	—	10	9
P-2/1	4	4	—	—	2	—	6	4
Total	**16**	**17**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**—**	**20**	**17**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
Other levels	16	16	—	—	—	—	16	16
Total	**17**	**18**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**17**	**18**
Grand total	**33**	**35**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**—**	**37**	**35**

18.52 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Statistical Division.

18.53 The activities will focus on (a) facilitating exchange of experiences between countries on problems encountered in methods, techniques and the information technology used for collecting, processing, disseminating and analysing economic, social, demographic and environment statistics, and thus promoting the adoption of the best practices, norms and standards; (b) collecting and presenting coherently information and statistics from ECE member countries that are needed for ECE analytical studies and statistical publications and by organizations on a data-sharing basis in fields identified by the Commission and/or the Conference of European Statisticians; (c) coordinating all statistical activities of international institutions active in the region, so as to avoid duplication of effort and lessen the reporting burden on countries and to better utilize scarce secretariat resources; (d) continuing the assistance (in the framework of the regular programme of work, the regional advisers programme and regional statistical projects) to countries undergoing the transition from centrally planned to market economies in the development and restructuring of their national statistical systems; (e) continuing to improve the statistical publications prepared in the Statistical Division, in particular the *Statistical Journal* and the *ECE Statistical Yearbook*.

18.54 In implementing the subprogramme, the ECE Statistical Division will maintain close coordination with the Statistics Division of the United Nations Secretariat, the specialized agencies, other ECE divisions, the Statistical Office of the European Union (EUROSTAT) and OECD. The work in this subprogramme is steered by the Conference of European Statisticians under the joint auspices of ECE and the United Nations Statistical Commission.

18.55 The Conference of European Statisticians will continue its coordinating role in the area of international statistical work in the ECE region. This coordination is achieved mainly through (a) the joint presentation format of the Conference's programme of work, which integrates the statistical activities of all major organizations in each of its subprogrammes; (b) harmonization of statistical questionnaires and data collection in order to reduce the response burden and to ensure greater coherence of the published data; (c) joint meetings with EUROSTAT, OECD and other organizations to ensure coherence in work programmes of involved international organizations.

18.56 Important work is being undertaken in the area of assistance to countries with economies in transition, where the Statistical Division, in cooperation with EUROSTAT and OECD, provides direct assistance and

organizes work sessions to deal with statistical matters of concern to those countries. Part of this activity is undertaken within regional statistical projects and the regional advisers programme.

18.57 The Statistical Division coordinates statistical activities in ECE, in particular in relation to national statistical offices. Moreover, the Division also provides technical services to ECE in the area of information systems and graphic design.

Activities

18.58 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

Conference of European Statisticians

a. Substantive servicing of meetings of the Conference and its Bureau (20); the Working Party on Transport Statistics (5); and ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the fields of electronic data processing (management of the statistical information technology (7), statistical output for dissemination to information media (8), integrated statistical information systems (ISIS '98) (7), statistical metadata (5), statistical data editing (5), geographical information systems (5) and data confidentiality and disclosure control (5)); economic statistics (the European Comparison Programme (5), consumer prices (7), energy statistics (7), agricultural statistics (9), national accounts (7) and business registers (6)); social and demographic statistics (cultural statistics (5), migration statistics (5), gender statistics (5), labour statistics (5), household income statistics (5) and registers and administrative records (5)); and environment statistics (environmental methods (7));

b. Parliamentary documentation. Four reports of the Bureau meetings of the Conference of European Statisticians; reports on registers and administrative records, migration statistics, household income statistics, gender statistics, environmental methods, national accounts and business registers; report for the meeting on agricultural statistics; reports on consumer price indices and energy statistics; reports for the meeting on the management of the statistical information technology and the Seminar on Integrated Statistical Information Systems and related Matters (ISIS '98); and reports on geographical information systems; statistical data editing; statistical metadata; and statistical output for dissemination to information media;

(b) *Other substantive services (RB/XB)*

(i) Recurrent publications. Annual yearbook *Trends in Europe and North America*; *Quarterly Statistical Journal of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe*; and *World Industrial Robots*;

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. International comparison of gross domestic product in Europe; *Statistical Data Editing Methods and Techniques* (vol. III); recommendations for the publishing of statistical metadata on Internet (all three publications in the ECE/Conference of European Statisticians *Statistical Standards and Studies* series);

(iii) Technical material. Update and maintenance of database on macroeconomic indicators for ECE member countries; Internet homepage for the Conference of European Statisticians and the ECE Statistical Division, comprising the official Conference of European Statisticians documents, discussion documents for ad hoc working groups and statistical data as input to the publication *Economic Survey of Europe*;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)*

(i) Substantive participation in statistical meetings organized by and in cooperation with EUROSTAT, OECD, IMF, etc., in fields of statistics in which the Conference of European Statisticians is active. These meetings include joint meeting on national accounts; intersecretariat working group meetings on national accounts, agricultural statistics and social and demographic statistics; EUROSTAT meeting on business registers; meeting on the European Comparison programme; working group meeting on EU statistical cooperation with countries in central and eastern Europe; OECD working party meeting on industrial statistics; European Board for

Electronic Data Interchange Standardization (six meetings of the expert group on statistics); ECE/OECD/International Energy Agency work session on energy statistics; ECE/EUROSTAT working group on housing statistics; ECE/EUROSTAT/European Conference of Ministries of Transport intersecretariat working group on transport statistics; consultations with experts from national statistical offices and international organizations; coordination of data collection with OECD; coordination of data collection with the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT); and ad hoc consultations with experts from national statistical offices in countries with economies in transition on their compilation of statistical data needed for ECE analytical and publication purposes;

(ii) Participation in activities of funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, including substantive participation in the work of the United Nations Statistical Commission; substantive participation in statistical meetings organized by, and in cooperation with, the Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat, the World Bank, UNESCO, ILO, WHO, etc., in fields of statistics in which the Conference of European Statisticians is active (meetings with FAO on food and agriculture statistics and with UNESCO on cultural statistics); work session on migration statistics (with the Statistical Division and INSTRAW); work session on gender statistics (with INSTRAW); work session on administrative records and registers for social and demographic statistics; work session on labour statistics (with ILO); and substantive participation in the work of the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities;

(d) *Technical cooperation (XB)*. Advisory services upon request from countries with economies in transition on national accounts and other economic statistics.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

18.59 The estimated requirements of $7,958,200, involving a resource growth of $1,407,400, would provide for 17 posts in the Professional category and above and 18 General Service posts, as shown in table 18.13 above. These requirements reflect (a) the inward redeployment to this subprogramme from other areas in the context of the reorganization of the programme of work of one P-5, two P-4, two P-2/1 and one General Service (Principal level) post and the outward redeployment of two P-3 posts from this subprogramme to other areas of work; and (b) the proposed abolition of two P-2/1 posts no longer required for fulfilment of the programme of work envisaged. The resource growth of $1,798,400 represents the combined effect of the above redeployments and abolition of posts and the application of new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

18.60 The estimated requirements of $41,600, reflecting a decrease of $9,700, relate to the provision of outside expertise in the areas of household income statistics and registers; statistical data editing and statistical metadata and outputs; and environmental accounting, national accounts and international comparisons.

Travel

18.61 The estimated requirements of $95,800, reflecting an increase of $16,000, relate to consultations with national statistical offices, participation of the secretariat in meetings and consultations with OECD, EUROSTAT, intersecretariat working groups, the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities, the Statistical Commission and other international organizations to coordinate the work programme.

Contractual services

18.62 The estimated requirements of $18,100, involving a resource growth of $11,900, relate to the cost of external printing for *Trends in Europe and North America*.

Supplies and materials

18.63 A provision of $5,100 is required for the acquisition of special statistical publications and data services produced by national and international statistical services. These materials are required to support economic research activities.

Grants and contributions

18.64 The estimated requirements of $791,000 would provide for the subprogramme's share of the payments to the International Computing Centre for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe, resources that were formerly budgeted under section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities.

Subprogramme 4
Trade facilitation

Table 18.14 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 697.0	2 201.2	866.4	39.3	3 067.6	(59.0)	3 008.6
Consultants and experts	—	10.8	3.7	34.2	14.5	(0.2)	14.3
Travel	32.3	44.5	(1.6)	(3.5)	42.9	(0.2)	42.7
Contractual services	2.6	7.4	(3.0)	(40.5)	4.4	—	4.4
Supplies and materials	—	—	7.3	—	7.3	—	7.3
Grants and contributions	—	—	28.0	—	28.0	(0.2)	27.8
Total	**1 731.9**	**2 263.9**	**900.8**	**39.7**	**3 164.7**	**(59.6)**	**3 105.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
—	7.7	Trust Fund for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport	56.5
—	**7.7**		**56.5**
1 731.9	**2 271.6**		**3 161.6**

Table 18.15 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme 4. Trade facilitation

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	2	5	—	—	—	—	2	5
P-2/1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**6**	**9**	—	—	—	—	**6**	**9**
General Service category								
Other levels	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
Total	**4**	**4**	—	—	—	—	**4**	**4**
Grand total	**10**	**13**	—	—	—	—	**10**	**13**

18.65 The work under this subprogramme will be carried out by the Trade Division.

18.66 In the light of the agreement by the Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures to transform itself into a Centre (Centre for Facilitation of Procedures and Practices for Administration Commerce and Transport (CEFACT)), the focus of the activities will be (a) to develop and manage the United Nations Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Trade (EDIFACT); (b) to liaise with the United Nations and other EDIFACT related bodies throughout the world and issue EDIFACT standards directories (messages, data elements, segments and codes); (c) to maintain a central database; (d) to develop and maintain a model for the International Trade Transaction; (e) to promote and disseminate the results of the trade facilitation activities, in particular through the use of the Internet World Wide Web; and (f) to analyse, prepare and develop trade facilitation recommendations in cooperation with the private sector and governmental agencies. To this end, the Working Party will reorganize its structure and activities, including its restructuring into a Centre, to allow the full participation of non-ECE member countries and to concentrate on policy issues. Furthermore, the work will be reorganized with a streamlining of meetings to assist collaborative efforts and delegate technical decisions to field experts.

18.67 Trade facilitation recommendations are developed to improve the ability of business, trade and administrative organizations, from developed, developing and transition economies, to exchange products and relevant services effectively. This is achieved by analysing and understanding the key elements of international transactions, including the relevant elimination of constraints; developing methods to facilitate transactions, including the relevant use of information technologies; promoting both the use of these methods and associated best practices through channels such as governmental, industry and service associations; coordinating and integrating the work under the subprogramme with other international organizations; and securing coherence by cooperating with other interested parties in recognition that the work has broad application in the areas beyond global commerce.

18.68 Following the decision of the fifty-first session of the Commission to suspend the activities of the United Nations/ECE Committee on Agriculture, the currently remaining activity under agriculture (harmonization of standards for trade in perishable produce) has been integrated into the activities of the Trade Facilitation Section. The agriculture quality standards developed by ECE are adopted and used by the European Community and also serve as the basis for standards developed by the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Activities

18.69 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) Substantive services. Centre for Facilitation of Procedures and Practices for Administration, Commerce and Transport (CEFACT) (8 meetings); groups of experts to be determined by CEFACT; technical group meetings to be determined by CEFACT; and Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (4); groups of experts on topics to be determined by the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (21);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation. Reports to CEFACT of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (2);

(b) *Other substantive activities*

(i) Recurrent publications. *CEFACT Annual Report*; *Trade Data Elements Directory* (annual); *United Nations Code for Ports and Other Locations* (semestrial electronic publication); and *Connections*, the United Nations/ECE electronic handbook on trade facilitation, published on CD-ROM (semestrial electronic publication);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Revised standards for dry and dried fruit; United Nations/ECE standard for bovine carcasses and commercial cuts; revised standards for Early and Ware Potatoes; promotional brochures for UN/EDIFACT; trade facilitation and UN/EDIFACT training manual;

(iii) Technical material. Development of a WorldWide Web home page in support of UN/EDIFACT;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*

(i) Liaison with a network of non-governmental organizations, including the European Electronic Messaging Association, the International Air Transport Association, the International Article Numbering Association, the International Chamber of Commerce, the International Chamber of Shipping, the International Express Carriers Conference, the International Organization for Standardization, the International Road Transport Union, the International Union of Railways and the North African Port Management Association;

(ii) Cooperation with UNCTAD, ITC, other regional commissions and UNCITRAL;

(iii) Cooperation with governmental organizations: Commission of the European Communities (CEC), the European Free Trade Association, the Central Office for International Railway Transport, the World Customs Organization and WTO;

(d) *Technical cooperation*

(i) Advisory services at the request of Governments. Missions to countries with economies in transition in support of the establishment of national trade facilitation bodies (4); to assist in the analysis of the international trade infrastructure; and to develop regional models of international trade transaction (4);

(ii) Group training. Seminars on trade facilitation issues for countries with economies in transition (4).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

18.70 The estimated requirements of $3,067,600, including resource growth of $866,400, would provide for nine Professional and four General Service (Other level) posts, as shown in table 18.15. These requirements reflect the following: (a) redeployment to this subprogramme of one P-4, one P-3, one P-2/1 and one General Service (Other level) post from other areas in the context of the reorganization of the programme of work; (b) reclassification to the P-3 level of (i) one P-4 post dealing with agriculture issues, in view of the modification of the responsibilities assigned to it; and (ii) one P-2/1 post of Editor, which has been

budgeted under the subprogramme in line with the responsibilities attached to the post and the terms of recruitment for Editors; and (c) the proposed abolition of one General Service (Other level) post stemming from the reorganization of the activities under the subprogramme. The resource growth of $866,400 represents the combined effect of the above four redeployments, two reclassifications and the abolition of one post and the application of the new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

18.71 The estimated requirements of $14,500, including resource growth of $3,700, would provide for outside specialized expertise not available in the secretariat for the preparation of models for international trade transactions and the development and maintenance of electronic data interchange in the context of the programme implementation.

Travel

18.72 The proposed requirements of $42,900, reflecting a decrease of $1,600, relate to attendance at meetings of EDIFACT boards in other regions and EDIFACT steering group meetings and at consultations with the secretariats of other international organizations so as to coordinate the work programme and to gather information for documents and publications.

Contractual services

18.73 The estimated amount of $4,400, reflecting a decrease of $3,000, relates to the production of specialized publications and reports under the work programme.

Supplies and materials

18.74 The estimated requirements of $7,300 relate to the acquisition of special data services in support of the activities under the programme.

Grants and contributions

18.75 The estimated requirements of $28,000 would provide for the subprogramme's share of the payments to the International Computing Centre for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe, resources that were formerly budgeted under section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities.

Subprogramme 5
Economic analysis

Table 18.16 Summary by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	7 044.6	6 480.2	(629.1)	(9.7)	5 851.1	(103.1)	5 748.0
Consultants and experts	22.1	46.9	38.7	82.5	85.6	(0.5)	85.1
Travel	22.5	46.8	1.0	2.1	47.8	(0.2)	47.6
Contractual services	9.0	15.1	(5.1)	(33.7)	10.0	(0.1)	9.9
Supplies and materials	10.1	26.6	(2.9)	(10.9)	23.7	(0.1)	23.6
Grants and contributions	—	—	254.6	—	254.6	(1.4)	253.2
Total	**7 108.3**	**6 615.6**	**(342.8)**	**(5.1)**	**6 272.8**	**(105.4)**	**6 167.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
181.6	22.6	World Conference on Women	—
		(c) Operational projects	
1 778.0	1 584.9	UNFPA	675.8
295.6	161.1	Technical cooperation trust funds	136.2
2 255.2	**1 768.6**	**Total**	**812.0**
9 363.5	**8 384.2**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**6 979.4**

Table 18.17 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme 5. Economic analysis

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	6	5	—	—	—	—	6	5
P-4/3	8	8	—	—	2	—	10	8
P-2/1	4	2	—	—	—	—	4	2
Total	**19**	**16**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**—**	**21**	**16**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Other levels	10	8	—	—	—	—	10	8
Total	**11**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**8**
Grand total	**30**	**24**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**—**	**32**	**24**

18.76 The programme of work below is implemented by the Division for Economic Analysis and Projections.

18.77 The objectives of the subprogramme are (a) to promote the process of economic reform and the integration of the economies in transition into the European and global economy by increasing the observation, identification and analysis of the process of development of economies in transition, especially those in CIS; (b) to provide member Governments with international perspectives on current economic and demographic issues so that they have a broader framework in which to approach national and international problems; and (c) to promote an integrated approach by ECE member countries to demographic and related socio-economic policies and programmes of national and international relevance and concern.

18.78 In order to achieve the above objectives, the secretariat systematically monitors and analyses current economic developments in the region, with emphasis on those in the countries in transition, the process of economic integration in the region and the process of economic transformation and population change in economies in transition. The secretariat provides the Commission and its subsidiary bodies with background analysis of these developments and indicates, whenever possible, potential problems encountered and their policy implications. In undertaking this work the secretariat will strengthen its close cooperation with the other international institutions dealing with economic research and analysis, including OECD, IMF, IBRD, EBRD and WTO, with CEC as well as with regional groupings, relevant non-governmental organizations and the business community, with a view to establishing further complementarity and making the most efficient use of resources.

18.79 Work in this area during the biennium 1998-1999 will have two main dimensions: (a) the *Economic Survey of Europe* will be further concentrated on the analysis of economic developments and problems in the economies in transition and on their economic and financial relations with other countries of the ECE region and the rest of the world. Furthermore, it is intended to increase the analyses of structural change and institutional problems and to provide more frequent analysis of macroeconomic developments in the economies in transition. These general directions will be reflected in a new format of the *Survey*, namely, an annual volume of three issues. The first issue will focus on developments in the ECE region in the past and coming year, with special emphasis on the economies in transition and their relations with the rest of the world; it will also deal with selected structural and institutional aspects of the transition process. The second will address selected topics on other areas of the work of ECE. The third will focus on the trade and external financial relations of the economies in transition and will replace the *Economic Bulletin for*

Europe. All three issues will provide an overview of macroeconomic developments in the region, with emphasis on the economies in transition, backed by an up-to-date statistical annex on those economies; (b) policy debates: a major objective of the *Economic Survey of Europe* will be to provide a focus for the discussion of economic problems and policies within the ECE framework. Along this line an economic discussion will take place on the first day of the annual session of the Commission based on the first issue of the *Survey*. It will be preceded by a seminar held just before the session to which economists from the government, academic and business sectors, as well as from other international organizations, will be invited; and (c) workshops may be organized on economic issues in economies in transition by the new Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities with substantive contributions when possible from the Division for Economies Analysis and Projections or from economic experts outside the secretariat.

18.80 The secretariat will ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the European Population Conference and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in the ECE region, in particular in countries with economies in transition. As part of this, it will coordinate region-wide data collection, analysis, training and technical assistance activities designed to expand policy-relevant knowledge of (a) demographic processes, such as family transformation and childbearing, international migration and integration of foreigners, population ageing and changes among older people and shifts in the health status of mothers, children and other population groups; and (b) interrelationships between these processes and economic and social developments.

Activities

18.81 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) Economic and Social Council

Parliamentary documentation. *Economic Survey of Europe* (annual);

(ii) Commission

a. Substantive servicing. Plenary session (2 meetings); and seminar on economic developments in the ECE region (2 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports of the seminar (2); reports of workshops (4); and analytical papers on selected aspects of the process of economic reforms in a country or group of countries with economies in transition (2);

(iii) Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development

Substantive servicing. Plenary session (1 meeting);

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Four workshops on selected aspects of the process of economic reforms in the economies in transition;

(ii) Recurrent publications. *Economic Survey of Europe* (annual volume of 3 issues); *Economic Studies* series related to the transition process (2 per year); and *International Migration Bulletin* (2 issues per year);

(iii) Non-recurrent publications. Standard country reports on the fertility and family survey (8); country reports on elderly populations (5); and report on population and related developments in countries with economies in transition;

(iv) Press releases. Press releases (5) and announcements of all publications, workshops and seminar reports;

(v) Technical material for outside users. Publications of the Division (Internet application); home page on the Internet of the Population Unit of the Division; and regional database for the monitoring of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the recommendations of the European Population Conference in countries with economies in transition;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)*

(i) Contribution to the preparation of the *World Economic and Social Survey* by the Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat including coordination meetings; and cooperation with other organizations/offices and intergovernmental bodies within the United Nations system (regional commissions, the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, the Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, UNFPA, WHO and UNHCR), intergovernmental bodies outside the system (the Council of Europe, OECD, EU and IOM) and national agencies (the US National Institutes on Health) dealing with the same or similar issues of demographic analysis;

(ii) Cooperation with the CEC and other intergovernmental bodies outside the United Nations system (EU, OSCE, the Council of Europe, NATO, OECD, EBRD and the Bank for International Settlements) and within the system (IMF, IBRD and WTO) dealing with the same issues of economic research and analysis;

(iii) Participation in activities of non-governmental bodies (non-governmental organizations, universities and research institutes) on economic research and analysis, including through provision of background papers; and collaboration with other non-governmental organizations (the American Association of Retired Persons, Age Concern UK and other relevant organizations) on activities and meetings of mutual interest in the field of population ageing. Collaboration with Geneva-based organizations active in the ageing field in the context of the Geneva International Network on Ageing;

(d) *Technical cooperation (RB/XB)*. Regional projects on (i) international migration and development in the ECE region: comprehensive reporting and migration policies: collection of data on and analysis of international migration, and migration and integration policies in ECE countries, in particular countries with economies in transition; (ii) the status of older persons in ECE countries: economic conditions, living arrangements and gender: analysis of the status and conditions of older persons and inter-country transfer of know-how in the field of population ageing and related data processing, through training and other means; (iii) sexual behaviour, reproductive health and regulation of fertility in countries with economies in transition: analysis of family, fertility and reproductive health issues in countries with economies in transition, in comparison with other ECE countries, and promotion of and national capacity-building in the areas of data collection, methodologies and analysis pertaining to these issues; and (iv) follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development and the European Population Conference: advisory assistance to countries with economies in transition with the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference and the recommendations of the European Population Conference.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

18.82 The estimated requirements of $5,851,100, reflecting a decrease of $629,100, would provide for 16 Professional and 8 General Service (Other level) posts, as shown in table 18.17. These requirements reflect the redeployment from this subprogramme to higher priority areas in the context of the reorganization of the ECE activities of one P-5, one P-4, two P-2/1 and three General Service posts, including one post at Principal level, and the redeployment of one P-3 post to this subprogramme in partial replacement of the outgoing posts. The decrease of $629,100 represents the combined effect of the above redeployment of posts and the application of the new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

18.83 The estimated requirements of $85,600, including resource growth of $38,700, would provide for outside specialized expertise to assist in the analysis of economic developments in the international economy and in ECE member countries, especially those in transition to market economies, and in the preparation of the *Economic Survey in Europe*.

Travel

18.84 The estimated requirements of $47,800 relate to missions of consultation with national and intergovernmental organizations on substantive issues and coordination in the preparation of publications and for cooperation in the area of economic analysis and research.

Contractual services

18.85 The estimated requirements of $10,000 relate to the printing costs of materials for the *Economic Survey of Europe* (1998 and 1999 editions).

Supplies and materials

18.86 The estimated requirements of $23,700 relate to subscriptions for publications and technical material.

Grants and contributions

18.87 The estimated requirements of $254,600 would provide for the subprogramme's share of the payments to the International Computing Centre for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe, resources that were formerly budgeted under section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities.

Subprogramme 6
Energy

Table 18.18 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 587.8	3 485.0	(1 215.5)	(34.8)	2 269.5	(43.1)	2 226.4
Consultants and experts	16.2	38.2	(17.9)	(46.8)	20.3	(0.2)	20.1
Travel	18.1	60.7	(28.7)	(47.2)	32.0	—	32.0
Grants and contributions	—	—	16.0	—	16.0	—	16.0
Total	**3 622.1**	**3 583.9**	**(1 246.1)**	**(34.7)**	**2 337.8**	**(43.3)**	**2 294.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
331.5	541.3	Trust Fund for the Energy Efficiency 2000 Project	576.3
		(c) Operational projects	
321.8	1 016.1	Technical cooperation trust funds	927.7
653.3	**1 557.4**		**1 504.0**
4 275.4	**5 141.3**		**3 798.5**

Table 18.19 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme 6. Energy

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P—5	2	1	—	—	1	1	3	2
P—4/3	4	4	—	—	2	2	6	6
P—2/1	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Total	**9**	**6**	—	—	**3**	**3**	**12**	**9**
General Service category								
Other levels	7	3	—	—	—	—	7	3
Total	**7**	**3**	—	—	—	—	**7**	**3**
Grand total	**16**	**9**	—	—	**3**	**3**	**19**	**12**

18.88 The programme of work will be implemented by the Energy Division.

18.89 The objectives of the subprogramme are (a) to ensure that the programme of activities in this field responds to changing policy needs and opportunities of member States; (b) to promote exchanges of views and experiences on selected issues of common interest, namely, the sustainable development and use of energy; (c) to formulate recommendations on issues pertaining to the production and use of energy such as energy efficiency and sustainable energy policies; (d) to cooperate with the other agencies of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as well as subregional groupings, in the implementation of complementary programmes; (e) to develop or update international classifications, standards, labels, norms and terminology necessary for the implementation of the programme and to disseminate that information to ECE member States and other interested parties; and (f) to promote the implementation of specific programmes such as the Energy Efficiency 2000 Project, the Promotion and Development of Market-Based Gas Industries in Economies in Transition — the Gas Centre and the Clean Coal Implementation Programme.

18.90 The above objectives will be achieved by means of exchange of views and information, the preparation of analyses, comparison of policies and elaboration of standards and norms in order to promote the implementation of sustainable energy programmes and policies in the ECE region. Assistance will be provided to countries with economies in transition in introducing market-oriented energy policies and market-oriented structures with the view of promoting the integration of their energy economies with those of other countries in the ECE region.

18.91 In the biennium 1998-1999, the following activities will be emphasized: (a) the development and implementation of energy programmes and policies to promote the sustainable development and use of energy, in particular in areas such as restructuring of the energy sector, including the coal industries, energy reforms and market adaption in Central and Eastern Europe, environment-energy linkages, especially with respect to coal and thermal power, the interconnection of electric power networks, significant new developments affecting energy demand and supply in the short and medium term, and energy pricing policies; (b) the promotion of energy efficiency and conservation and the rational use of energy through the development of standards, norms and guidelines, as well as through other measures such as the promotion of business contacts, the coordination of bilateral and multilateral technical assistance projects and the enhancement of institutional capacity with respect to financial mechanisms and feasibility analyses of investment projects; and (c) the promotion of a range of activities with respect to

gas — both on the supply and consumption side — covering issues such as restructuring in countries with economies in transition, management of gas resources, trade and interconnections of gas networks, rehabilitation and enhancement of gas transmission and distribution systems and environment-gas linkages, as well as facilitating the transfer of information and market-oriented knowledge concerning natural gas policy-making to countries with economies in transition.

Activities

18.92 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) Committee on Sustainable Energy

a. Substantive servicing. Annual meetings of the Committee (6); and meetings of the meeting of experts in the field of coal and thermal power (4) and of the meeting of experts in the field of electricity interconnections (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on restructuring of the energy sector in the context of sustainable development; energy reforms and market adaptation of energy economies in Central and Eastern Europe; energy and the environment; environmental protection related to coal mining and coal utilization; environmental aspects in power generation; interconnection of electric power networks in Europe; enhancing energy efficiency in the ECE region; significant developments affecting energy demand and supply in the short and medium term, including market trends, trade and prospects (2); reports from workshops on restructuring and market adaptation of energy industries (2); and reports from workshops on sustainable energy development (4);

(ii) Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 2000 Project

a. Substantive servicing. Annual meetings of the Steering Committee (6); and meeting of the Group of Experts on Financial Engineering (4) and the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency Standards and Labels (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on the status of the Energy Efficiency 2000 Project (2) and energy efficiency demonstration zones (2); energy efficiency financing and business planning (2); and energy efficiency standards and labelling systems (2);

(iii) Working Party on Gas

a. Substantive servicing. Annual meetings of the Working Party (6); meetings of the meeting of experts on natural gas resources (4); the meeting of experts on the use and distribution of gas (4); and the meeting of experts on the transport and storage of gas (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on economic reforms and restructuring in Central and Eastern Europe and their implications and significance for gas markets and the gas industry; developments in the gas industry, including trade and interconnections/extensions of gas networks; assessment of natural gas resources, including geological and geophysical methods of prospecting for natural gas (2); construction, management and maintenance of gas transportation systems (2); rational use of gas including conservation and efficiency measures (2); the gas industry and the environment, including climate change and sustainable development; and reports from workshops on the strengthening and reform of the gas industry in economies in transition (4);

(iv) Advisory Board of the Gas Centre

a. Substantive servicing. Annual meetings of the Advisory Board (4); the Group of Experts on Database (4); and the Group of Experts on Gas Rate-Making (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on the status of the Gas Centre project (2); and reports from workshops and high-level conferences (2);

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Promotion of legal instruments including the development of related standards. International classification systems for coal resources, utilization and trade purposes; mining legislation and mining taxation under market economy operation; regulations concerning reclamation and rehabilitation of coal-related disturbed land; safety regulations concerning mine closures; harmonization of European specifications for electrical and mining equipment; development and harmonization of regulations for coal-related waste disposal, management and utilization; standards and labelling of energy efficient appliances; technical and ecological norms required for the determination of the effectiveness of use of household gas installations; and tariffs for gas transportation;

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Study on underground gas storage in Europe; study on interconnection of gas networks in Europe; investors guide to energy efficiency projects in Central and Eastern Europe; manual on energy efficiency project business planning for commercial bank managers; reform and restructuring of the gas industry in economies in transition; financial and economic aspects of underground gas storage; training manual on gas rate-making; gas distribution rate-making; gas price policies; and gas marketing;

(iii) Press releases. Press releases on energy studies/seminars (10);

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*

(i) Cooperation and harmonization of activities with other international, intergovernmental and professional organizations in the field of energy, including CEC, OECD, IAEA and the Energy Charter; participation in other global, regional and subregional energy forums, such as the World Energy Council, the International Gas Union and the International Union of Producers and Distributors of Electrical Energy; cooperation and initiatives with development banks such as EBRD, the World Bank, EIB and the Global Environment Facility;

(ii) Liaison and cooperation with entities and organizations in the United Nations system, in particular the Department for Development Support and Management Services of the Secretariat, UNDP, IAEA, ILO and WHO, as well as with other regional commissions;

(d) *Technical cooperation (RB/XB)*

(i) Advisory services. (a) Energy Efficiency 2000 Project: 20 missions on the development of financing mechanisms for energy efficiency projects, establishment of energy efficiency demonstration zones and development of energy efficiency standards and labelling systems; (b) Gas Centre: 15 missions on assistance to the gas industry in economies in transition in setting market-oriented legal and regulatory frameworks; development of gas policy and pricing instruments; establishment of sound investment promotion policies; and international harmonization of legal and regulatory frameworks;

(ii) Group training. Energy Efficiency 2000 Project: 34 events involving approximately 400 participants from Central and Eastern Europe as follows — business briefing sessions during seminars at international trade fairs; workshops on business planning and financial engineering for energy efficiency investment projects; workshops on energy efficiency standards and labelling systems; workshops on the development of energy efficiency demonstration zones; and symposia on energy efficiency policies in the context of sustainable energy development in the ECE region;

(iii) Seminars and workshops. Seminars and workshops on energy reforms involving approximately 1,500 participants from the region on issues relating to the transition of Central and Eastern European member States from central planning to market-oriented economies (10);

(iv) Field projects. Energy Efficiency 2000 Project: development of proposals for technical assistance and investment projects in Central and Eastern European countries with economies in transition for submission to funding agencies and international financial institutions (EBRD, the World Bank and EIB).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

18.93 The estimated requirements of $2,269,500, reflecting a decrease of $1,215,500, would provide for six Professional and three General Service (Other level) posts, as shown in table 18.19. This reflects the decisions of the Commission to reduce the amount of resources allocated to this sector. These requirements reflect the proposed abolition of one P-5, one P-4 and two General Service (Other level) posts, and the redeployment of two P-2/1 and two General Service (Other level) posts from this subprogramme to other areas in exchange for one P-4 post redeployed to this subprogramme. The decrease of $1,215,500 represents the combined effect of the above five redeployments and four abolitions of posts and the application of the new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

28.94 The estimated requirements of $20,300, reflecting a reduction of $17,900, relate to outside specialized consultancy services to provide expertise on economic reforms and restructuring in the energy sector of economies in transition and the sustainable energy developments and use of energy in the region.

Travel

28.95 The estimated requirements of $32,000, reflecting a decrease of $28,700, relate to travel for consultations, cooperation and coordination of activities with other international organizations within the region and for attendance at meetings of the regional commissions to review and coordinate regional activities in the energy sector.

Grants and contributions

18.96 The estimated requirements of $16,000 would provide for the subprogramme's share of the payments to the International Computing Centre for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe, resources that were formerly budgeted under section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities.

Subprogramme 7
Development of international trade

Table 18.20 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 715.8	1 788.1	1 689.8	94.5	3 477.9	(66.9)	3 411.0
Consultants and experts	13.0	16.1	8.9	55.2	25.0	(0.1)	24.9
Travel	13.9	26.0	27.4	105.3	53.4	(0.3)	53.1
Contractual services	5.8	13.7	(2.0)	(14.5)	11.7	—	11.7
Grants and contributions	—	—	129.8	—	129.8	(0.7)	129.1
Total	**1 748.5**	**1 843.9**	**1 853.9**	**100.5**	**3 697.8**	**(68.0)**	**3 629.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
1 067.3	1 456.6	Technical cooperation trust funds	1 039.6
1 067.3	**1 456.6**	**Total**	**1 039.6**
2 815.8	**3 300.5**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**4 669.4**

Table 18.21 Post requirements

Subprogramme 7. Development of international trade

Established posts		Temporary posts					
Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999
Professional category and above							
P-5	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-4/3	3	5	—	—	—	3	3	8
P-2/1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Total	**5**	**9**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**5**	**12**
General Service category								
Other levels	3	6	—	—	—	—	3	6
Total	**3**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**6**
Grand total	**8**	**15**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**8**	**18**

18.97 The programme of work described below will be implemented by the Trade Division. It includes activities retained by the Commission in the fields of steel and chemical products that have been transferred to this subprogramme in order to approach these issues in a cross-sectoral manner and in the perspective of enterprise development.

18.98 The objectives of this subprogramme are (a) to promote trade expansion and structural diversification of intraregional trade and the further integration of member countries in the world trading system; (b) to provide a forum for the elaboration of intergovernmental agreements, guides and standards on matters such as technical harmonization and legal reforms; (c) to strengthen the capacity of countries with economies in transition to identify training needs and bottlenecks that could hamper the smooth implementation of market economy principles and private enterprise development; and (d) to find and implement possible solutions to facilitate industrial restructuring and privatization in all countries of the region and in particular in countries with economies in transition.

18.99 To meet the overall objectives set by the Commission the following activities will be undertaken in an order of priority that will be set by the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development at its annual meetings in 1997 and 1998: (a) preparation and revision of guides relating to international commercial transactions and legal reform (on subjects chosen by the Working Party on International Contract Practices in Industry); (b) seminars and workshops to assist countries with economies in transition

to adjust to trade and investment liberalization at the regional and global levels and to promote private entrepreneurship and the establishment of small and medium-sized enterprises, especially in countries with economies in transition; (c) studies of trade policy aspects of regulatory differences and of sectoral importance (for example, trading in and development of services, as mandated by the Committee); (d) contributions to the activities of other United Nations bodies and those of international, regional and subregional organizations and initiatives, notably OSCE; and (e) studies of technical aspects related to sustainable enterprise development, especially in the chemical and steel industries.

Activities

18.100 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development

a. Substantive servicing. Annual meetings of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (5); the Working Party on International Contract Practices in Industry (5); the Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies (5); and the Ad hoc Group of Experts on the Chemical Industry; annual meetings of the ad hoc meeting for the comparative data bank of chemical legislation in ECE member countries (2); meeting of experts for the pilot project demonstrating the environmental clean-up of selected sites polluted by chemicals (2); ad hoc meeting for a study on the chemical industry (2); meetings of a seminar on a topic to be determined related to the chemical industry (6); annual meeting of the Meeting for the Preparation of the Directory of Chemical Producers and Products (1); meetings on the periodic survey of the chemical industry; meetings of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on Steel (5); second ad hoc meeting for the study on financing investment in the steel industry; meetings of experts on the steel industry and the environment (2); first ad hoc meeting for a new study on steel; meetings of experts on the steel market (2); meetings of a seminar on economic aspects of clean technologies, energy and waste management in the steel industry (6); a seminar on a topic to be determined related to steel; and ad hoc meeting for a global study on the steel industry in Europe;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (2); the Working Party on International Contract Practices in Industry (2); the Ad hoc Group of Experts on the Chemical Industry (2); the Ad hoc Group of Experts on Steel (2); and the Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies (2);

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Recurrent publications. *The Chemical Industry — Annual Review; Annual Bulletin of Trade in Chemical Products; The Steel Market in 1997 and Prospects for 1998; The Steel Market in 1998 and Prospects for 1999; Statistics of World Trade in Steel* (annual); *Annual Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe; Iron and Steel Scrap* (eighth updating);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Intergovernmental agreement on technical harmonization; booklet on services and publications of the ECE/Trade Division; guide on build-operate-transfer in transition economies; guide on real property issues; guide on legal issues for transition economies; standardization issues in transition economies; directory of chemical producers and products (annual); comparative data bank on chemical legislation; report on the clean-up of sites polluted by chemicals; compendium of soil decontamination technologies and companies; round-table discussion on the chemical industry (annual); studies on the steel and chemical industries (topics to be decided); and financing investment in the steel industry;

(iii) Organization of annual meetings. Forums on issues related to trade, legal reform and enterprise development (3);

(iv) Press releases. Preparation of press releases to be issued on the occasion of the issuance of publications highlighting major developments on trade and enterprise promotion, the chemical industry and steel, as well as of meetings and special events (seminars, exhibitions, etc.) liable to attract the attention of the general public;

(v) Study tours. Two study tours each on chemicals, steel and private enterprise development;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison.* Consultations and cooperation on questions relating to trade and enterprise development with the World Bank, UNCTAD, WTO, the International Chamber of Commerce, CEC, OECD, EBRD, the European Council of Chemical Manufacturers' Federations, the International Iron and Steel Institute, and regional federations of industries and chambers of commerce; and coordination, harmonization and liaison with global United Nations programmes, including UNDP, UNEP and the other regional commissions, as well as with UNIDO, ILO and WHO;

(d) *Technical cooperation.* Workshop on methods for detection and analysis of polluted soils and modelling of soil treatment techniques.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

18.101 The estimated requirements of $3,477,900, reflecting resource growth of $1,689,800, would provide for nine Professional and six General Service (Other level) posts, as shown in table 18.21. This reflects the decision of the Commission to consolidate certain activities in the industrial sector under the umbrella of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development, resulting in the discontinuation of subprogramme 8, Industry and technology. These requirements include the redeployment of one P-5, one P-4, two P-2/1 and three General Service (Other level) posts to this subprogramme from the former subprogramme on industry and technology and the proposed reclassification of one P-5 post to the P-4 level in view of the reduced responsibilities attached to that post. The resource growth of $1,689,800 reflects the combined effect of the above redeployment and reclassification of posts and the application of the new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

18.102 An estimated provision of $25,000, reflecting resource growth of $8,900, would provide for outside specialized expertise not available in the secretariat to assist in the preparation of studies and discussion papers such as the follow-up study on impact of standards on international trade and studies on clean-up technologies, developments of a steel market and on trends in the utilization of ferrous scrap.

Travel

18.103 The estimated travel requirements of $53,400, including resource growth of $27,400, would be required for consultation and coordination of the ECE activities with national bodies and regional intergovernmental organizations and other institutions in trade-, chemical- and steel-related areas. The increase of $27,400 is due to the expansion of activities under this subprogramme as a result of the discontinuation of subprogramme 8, Industry and technology.

Contractual services

18.104 The estimated requirements of $11,700 relate to the printing of publication materials under the subprogramme.

Grants and contributions

18.105 The estimated requirements of $129,800 would provide for the subprogramme's share of the payments to the International Computing Centre for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe, resources that were formerly budgeted under section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities.

Subprogramme 8
Industry and technology

18.106 Reflecting the reform agreed to by ECE member countries, this subprogramme has been discontinued. The resources (posts and non-post) previously allocated to this subprogramme have been redeployed to other subprogrammes or abolished. Accordingly, 10 posts in the Professional category and above (1 D-1, 2 P-5, 5 P-4/3 and 2 P-2/1) and 4 General Service (Other level) posts would be redeployed, while 4 other General Service posts, including one at Principal level, would be proposed for abolition.

Table 18.22 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	4 240.5	3 976.1	(3 976.1)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	27.3	32.9	(32.9)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Travel	19.3	22.8	(22.8)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Contractual services	4.3	14.9	(14.9)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**4 291.4**	**4 046.7**	**(4 046.7)**	**(100.0)**	**—**	**—**	**—**

Table 18.23 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme 8. Industry and technology

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
P-5	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
P-4/3	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
P-2/1	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Total	**10**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**10**	**—**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Other levels	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	—
Total	**8**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**—**
Grand total	**18**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**18**	**—**

Subprogramme 9
Agriculture and timber

Table 18.24 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 433.9	1 794.4	(334.9)	(18.6)	1 459.5	(28.1)	1 431.4
Consultants and experts	9.2	26.3	2.0	7.6	28.3	(0.3)	28.0
Travel	17.5	23.0	1.2	5.2	24.2	(0.2)	24.0
Contractual services	—	14.8	(8.8)	(59.4)	6.0	—	6.0
Grants and contributions	—	—	13.0	—	13.0	(0.2)	12.8
Total	**2 460.6**	**1 858.5**	**(327.5)**	**(17.6)**	**1 531.0**	**(28.8)**	**1 502.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
7.7	41.2	Trust Fund for the ECE Study on Long-term Timber Trends and Prospects	22.6
		(c) Operational projects	
—	389.3	Technical cooperation trust funds	550.3
Total	**7.7**	**430.5**	**572.9**
Total (1) and (2)	**2 468.3**	**2 289.0**	**2 075.1**

Table 18.25 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme 9. Agriculture and timber

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999
Professional category and above								
P-5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
P-4/3	4	2	—	—	1	1	5	3
Total	4	3	—	—	1	1	5	4
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	2
Total	4	3	—	—	—	—	4	3
Grand total	8	6	—	—	1	1	9	7

18.107 The programme of work will be implemented by the Trade Division.

18.108 The main objective of this subprogramme is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable management of the timber and forest sector in the ECE region, maintaining an appropriate balance between the productive, social and environmental functions of the forest. The Timber Section, in accordance with the mandate provided by the ECE Timber Committee, will continue to monitor and analyse developments in the sector and to help Governments, as requested, in the implementation of the commitments made at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the Helsinki Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe.

18.109 Action will focus on those areas where ECE has a comparative advantage, notably in the collection, verification, publication and analysis of information on forests and on trade in and markets for forest products, as well as policies and institutions. The priority activity during the biennium 1998-1999 will be the preparation of the ECE/FAO Temperate and Boreal Forest Resource Assessment 2000, including a range of new indicators intended to monitor progress towards sustainable forest management in the region. Forestry assistance to countries with economies in transition will be monitored, in accordance with the mandate given by the Ministerial Conference. The sector-wide approach, covering forestry, markets for forest products, and trade in forest products will be maintained. In addition, the Timber Committee will continue to provide a forum for intergovernmental cooperation in its area of interest, on a wide range of topics, often with minimum secretariat input.

18.110 ECE will continue its strategic partnership with FAO in the field of forests and timber, and develop new partnerships, for instance with EU and the International Tropical Timber Organization.

18.111 In view of the ongoing restructuring of ECE and the withdrawal of FAO agriculture staff at Geneva from the former joint division, the work on agricultural standards is transferred to subprogramme 4, Trade facilitation.

Activities

18.112 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) ECE Timber Committee

a. Substantive servicing. Five annual meetings;

b. Parliamentary documentation. Annual reports on sustainable forest management; forestry assistance to countries in transition; preparations for the Forest Resource Assessment 2000; review of forest products markets; plan for a forthcoming study of European timber trends and prospects; policy issues about timber markets, recycling and energy from wood; and a study on the outlook for non-wood goods and services;

(ii) Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Joint Committee (5); and meetings of the seminars on forest management (8), on forest technology (8) and on training of forest workers, including occupational safety and health (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Notes on activities (including seminar reports) in the fields of (i) forest management (e.g. multiple use forestry, ecological and economic issues, marketing and information systems); (ii) forest technology (forest engineering, ecologically and economically sound operations in silviculture, wood harvesting and transport); and (iii) training for workers, supervisors and managers, including applied ergonomics, occupational safety and health and social aspects of forestry;

(iii) Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Joint Working Party (5);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Notes on review of (i) international statistical systems in the forest sector; (ii) preparations for the Forest Resource Assessment 2000; and (iii) methods for outlook studies;

(iv) FAO European Forestry Commission

Parliamentary documentation. Review of the state of forests in Europe; and report on women in forestry;

(b) *Other substantive activities*

(i) Recurrent publications. *Timber Bulletin* (6 issues); *International Forest Fire News* (2 issues); discussion papers (10); Geneva timber and forest study papers as follows: (a) ECE/FAO Forest Resource Assessment 2000 (3); (b) reports to the Lisbon Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe on indicators of sustainable forest management; forestry assistance to countries in transition and update; and (c) study on non-wood goods and services of the forest; study of structural trends in the forest industries; and *Timber Committee Yearbook* (2 issues);

(ii) Four press releases on major outputs;

(iii) Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.). Database on the forest and forest products sector (development and updating of existing material);

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison.* Continuing liaison with the FAO Forest Department to manage the integrated programme of the ECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission; participation in meetings of Intersecretariat Working Group on Forest Statistics (4); participation in coordinating and substantive meetings of the pan-European process on the protection of forests in Europe, including the Lisbon Ministerial Conference (1998); meetings of the General Coordinating Committee; and round tables;

(d) *Technical cooperation.* Two workshops on forest sector issues for countries with economies in transition.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

18.113 The estimated requirements of $1,459,500, reflecting a decrease of $334,900, would provide for three Professional and three General Service posts, as shown in table 18.25. These requirements reflect the proposed reclassification of one P-4 post to the P-5 level to accommodate the position of Chief of section

and the redeployment of one P-4 and one General Service (Other level) post from this subprogramme to other areas in the context of the reorganization of the programme of work. The negative growth of $334,900 represents the combined effect of the above one reclassification and two redeployments of posts and the application of the new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

18.114 A provision of $28,300 would be required for consultants with specialized expertise not available in the secretariat for the preparation of material for the Forest Resource Assessment 2000 and of other studies mandated by the ECE Ministerial Conference.

Travel

18.115 The proposed requirements of $24,200 relate to attendance at meetings and consultations with secretariats of international organizations such as FAO, to information- and data-collection missions and to the preparation of workshops for countries with economies in transition.

Contractual services

18.116 The estimated requirements of $6,000, reflecting a decrease of $8,800, would cover the cost of printing the United Nations/ECE recommendations for bovine carcasses and commercial cuts and the Forest Resource Assessment 2000.

Grants and contributions

18.117 The estimated requirements of $13,000 would provide for the subprogramme's share of the payments to the International Computing Centre for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe, resources that were formerly budgeted under section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities.

Subprogramme 10
Human settlements

Table 18.26 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 168.9	689.2	18.8	2.7	708.0	(13.2)	694.8
Consultants and experts	4.9	9.4	(0.2)	(2.1)	9.2	—	9.2
Travel	5.1	22.0	(3.5)	(15.9)	18.5	0.1	18.6
Grants and contributions	—	—	6.0	—	6.0	—	6.0
Total	**1 178.9**	**720.6**	**21.1**	**2.9**	**741.7**	**(13.1)**	**728.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
			(a) Services in support of:	
	—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
	—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
			(b) Substantive activities	
	165.8	193.5	Trust Fund for Human Settlements	123.2
Total	**165.8**	**193.5**		**123.2**
Total (1) and (2)	**1 344.7**	**914.1**		**851.8**

Table 18.27 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme 10. Human settlements

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999
Professional category and above								
P-4/3	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**
General Service category								
Other levels	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**
Grand total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**

18.118 The programme of work under the subprogramme will be carried by the Division of Environment and Human Settlements.

18.119 The objectives of the subprogramme are to assist countries with economies in transition in reformulating their policies in the field of human settlements and to promote sustainable development, including formulation of appropriate environmentally sound policies in this field.

18.120 The secretariat receives guidance from and provides substantive and technical service to the Committee on Human Settlements. It also assists ECE countries in organizing workshops on specific issues that have direct links with the Committee's programme of work and government-appointed rapporteurs participating in task forces to develop project elements of the programme of work, giving special emphasis to best practices.

18.121 In the biennium 1998-1999, priority will be given to the following topics: sustainable human settlement development with economic use of resources; modernization policies for built-up areas; analysis of the housing sector in countries with economies in transition; land administration; major trends influencing human settlement development; and development of human settlement statistics, including housing and urban indicators. The Committee will play a major role in the ECE region in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda in coordination with implementation of Agenda 21. The programme of work will take into account the results of the special session of the General Assembly on sustainable development.

Activities

18.122 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) Committee on Human Settlements

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Committee (10); Eighth Conference on Urban and Regional Research (7); ad hoc meeting on land administration and cadastre (3); ad hoc meeting on housing aspects (3); and ad hoc meeting on urban planning aspects (3);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on human settlement policies in the context of socio-economic transition (2); report on sustainable development of human settlements; reports on land administration (2); and background and discussion papers for ad hoc meetings;

(ii) Regional Ministerial Conference on the follow-up to Habitat II

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the Conference (2);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Background papers on the progress made in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Non-recurrent publications. Country profiles on the housing sector of selected countries (2); improvement of urban environmental performance (2 case studies); strategies for the implementation of urban renewal (2 case studies); implementation of sustainable human settlement policies (2); major trends characterizing human settlement development (1); and implementation of local sustainable human settlement policies (1);

(ii) Study tours immediately following the annual session of the Committee on Human Settlements;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*

(i) Cooperation with the secretariats of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, WHO, OECD, the Council of Europe and the Commission on Sustainable Development. In addition, cooperation with the other regional commissions will be strengthened, in particular with respect to the follow-up to Habitat II;

(ii) Consultations and cooperation with the International Council for Building Research, Studies and Documentation, the International Federation for Housing and Planning, the International Real Estate Federation, ISO, CEC, the International Real Property Union and the International Union of Architects. Cooperation will be strengthened, in particular with non-governmental organizations, the private sector and local authorities, through the newly established advisory board of the Committee, which will include representatives of the relevant organizations;

(iii) Participation and substantive contribution to approximately 10 workshops to be organized by ECE countries, specially countries with economies in transition, on human settlement aspects of relevance to transition process.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

18.123 The estimated requirements of $708,000, including resource growth of $18,800, would provide for two Professional and one General Service (Other level) posts, as shown in table 18.27. The resource growth of $18,800 results from the application of the new standardized vacancy rates.

Consultants and experts

18.124 A provision of $9,200 would be required for consultants with specialized expertise not available in the secretariat for the preparation of material on specific themes and working papers relating to human settlements.

Travel

18.125 The estimated requirements of $18,500, reflecting negative growth of $3,500, would provide for attendance at meetings and workshops organized in the context of programme implementation, as well as consultations with Governments and relevant intergovernmental organizations.

Grants and contributions

18.126 The estimated requirements of $6,000 would provide for the subprogramme's share of the payments to the International Computing Centre for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe, resources that were formerly budgeted under section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities.

D. Programme support

Table 18.28 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 883.5	3 031.1	155.9	5.1	3 187.0	(64.0)	3 123.0
Other staff costs	134.3	162.1	50.0	30.8	212.1	(1.3)	210.8
Travel	11.2	23.3	—	—	23.3	(0.1)	23.2
Contractual services	30.2	—	182.8	—	182.8	(1.2)	181.6
General operating expenses	125.8	371.5	(189.3)	(50.9)	182.2	(1.3)	180.9
Supplies and materials	56.1	67.2	29.5	43.8	96.7	(0.6)	96.1
Furniture and equipment	278.1	517.5	43.6	8.4	561.1	(6.2)	554.9
Total	**4 519.2**	**4 172.7**	**272.5**	**6.5**	**4 445.2**	**(74.7)**	**4 370.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
165.7	367.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	524.2
		(b) Substantive activities	
463.7	621.5	Trust Fund for Assistance to Countries in Transition	610.2
		(c) Operational projects	
—	11.3	Trust Fund for Support to ECE Regional Conferences and Meetings, including Preparatory Meetings for Global Conferences	—
629.4	**1 000.3**		**1 134.4**
5 148.6	**5 173.0**		**5 504.9**

Table 18.29 **Post requirements**

Programme support

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
P-4/3	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
P-2/1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**7**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	8	7	—	—	2	2	10	9
Total	**9**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**11**	**10**
Grand total	**16**	**15**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**18**	**17**

18.127 The Office of the Executive Secretary will, in addition to executive direction and management, continue to provide programme support services for all substantive activities of the Commission. Those services relate to programme planning, budget and finance, human resource management, general and technical (electronic data-processing (EDP)) services and conference services as follows.

Activities

18.128 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Programme planning, budget and finance*. (i) Preparation of the biennial programme budgets and performance reports in liaison with the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts of the Secretariat; (ii) financial control and certification of all accounts under the responsibility of ECE, in cooperation with the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts and with the Financial Resources Management Service, United Nations Office at Geneva; and (iii) administration of technical cooperation activities and extrabudgetary resources within ECE, including regional advisory services under section 21, Regular programme of technical cooperation;

(b) *Human resource management*. (i) Administration of ECE staff, including recruitment, placement and career development of staff in coordination with the Personnel Service, United Nations Office at Geneva, and the Office of Human Resources Management at Headquarters; (ii) identification of staff training needs, including the provision of training to upgrade professional skills and in-house training in computer applications and arrangements for appropriate courses in cooperation with the Training and Examinations Section, United Nations Office at Geneva; and (iii) staff management relations in the context of the ECE Sectoral Assembly and elected staff representatives;

(c) *General and technical services*. (i) Determination of ECE policy related to EDP strategies and acquisition plans; planning and coordination of EDP activities and requirements in the implementation of major components of ECE informatics and telematic resources, including preparation of cost estimates for inclusion in the biennial programme budgets; (ii) continued development and enhancement of an ECE integrated professional support system through the management of the PC-based local area network and provision of services to the network user community; (iii) maintenance of the ECE central statistical database in support of economic analysis and related assistance to substantive divisions in the improvement of cooperation and coordination with member countries and other international organizations; (iv) acquisition of EDP equipment and other equipment and furniture, materials and supplies; processing and monitoring ECE communications,

correspondence, staff travel, management of office space and archives and records management; and operation of the Integrated Management Information System within ECE;

(d) *Conference services*. (i) Establishment and management of the ECE programme of meetings, related documentation, facilities and services required in close coordination with Conference Services, United Nations Office at Geneva; and arrangements for ECE meetings outside Geneva hosted by member Governments and serviced by the United Nations and for informal meetings held outside Geneva within the context of the ECE programme of workshops for economies in transition; (ii) preparation and organization of the annual session of the Commission and its quarterly ad hoc informal meetings and documentation and meetings services required; and (iii) preparation and administration of the programme of publications.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

18.129 The estimated requirements of $3,187,000, involving resource growth of $155,900, would provide for seven Professional and eight General Service posts, as shown in table 18.29. One General Service (Other level) post is proposed for abolition in the context of the reorganization of ECE activities. The resource growth of $155,900 represents the effect of the reduced requirements as a result of the abolition of the General Service post, being more than offset by the increase due to the application of the new standardized vacancy rates.

Other staff costs

18.130 The estimated requirements of $212,100, including resource growth of $50,000, would provide for replacement of staff on extended sick leave and maternity leave, temporary assistance during periods of peak workload ($162,100), as well as for overtime during peak periods ($50,000).

Travel

18.131 The estimated requirements of $23,300 relate to periodic consultations with Headquarters and participation in meetings on administration, personnel, budget and finance, procurement and electronic data-processing matters.

Contractual services

18.132 The estimated requirements of $182,800 relate to the repair, maintenance and upgrade of data-processing equipment, software licences and local area network support. These resources are isolated from general operating expenses in order to provide for better monitoring of their utilization.

General operating expenses

18.133 The estimated requirements of $182,200, reflecting a decrease of $189,300, relate to rental of equipment other than data-processing equipment ($18,600); rental and maintenance of data-processing and other equipment ($135,800); and miscellaneous services ($27,800). The reduction of $189,300 results mainly from the isolation of resources for maintenance and upgrade of the local area network, as mentioned above under contractual services.

Supplies and materials

18.134 A provision of $96,700, involving resource growth of $29,500, would be required for electronic data-processing supplies and materials, as well as for library books and supplies.

Furniture and equipment

18.135 A provision of $561,100, including resource growth of $43,600, would be required for acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment.